

Outdoor concert highlights town's holiday celebration



Clarinet player Sheryl Strother of Duxbury performs at the concert.

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DUXBURY — Nearly 1,000 people turned out last night for an outdoor band concert, the finale of a three-day Fourth of July weekend that included an hour-long parade Friday afternoon and a bonfire on Duxbury Beach Saturday night.

"This is by far the biggest audience we've ever had in Duxbury," said Fran Doran, who founded the South Shore Bay Band five years ago.

"It's like a miniature Tanglewood," said Frank LeBart as he gazed around the lawn behind Battelle Ocean Science's harborfront administration building.

Families had brought their dinner and couples were sipping drinks as people sprawled on blankets or sat in the folding beach and lawn chairs they had carried to the site.

One couple set up a small table complete with three candles.

The 55-member volunteer band, under the direction of Charles Cas-sara, played music ranging from

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pieces by Aaron Copeland to John Philip Sousa marches.

"I don't think I've been to a band concert in 30 years," said John Tuffy, "but this reminds me of outdoor band concerts I used to go to every Wednesday night in the summer when I was growing up in Dennis."

His wife, Melissa, said: "You can't beat the view and the weather and the music."

At intermission, the touring San Diego Children's Choir sang folk, gospel and patriotic songs.

Before the concert, picnic baskets were auctioned to benefit the Cura Visiting Nurse Association.

Patti Ryan, Cura's director of development, said the silent auction raised more than \$600.

Police Lt. Susan James said the

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three-day weekend was marred by only a few minor incidents.

John Andrews, 36, of 54 Settler Road, Plymouth, suffered minor injuries when his car was struck by one operated by Jody Ganley, 18, of Duxbury at Chestnut Street and Route 3A yesterday afternoon.

Andrews was taken by ambulance to Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, where he was treated and released.

James said police officer Michael Carbone cited Ganley for failure to stop at a stop sign.

At the bonfire Saturday night, Walter Mayo, 47, of Troy, N.H., was arrested on a marijuana possession charge, James said.

"Other than that, all we had were a couple of house party and fireworks complaints," James said. "Overall, it was an excellent weekend."

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Charles Cassara of Duxbury, conductor of the South Shore Bay Band, directs the band during an outdoor concert yesterday at Battelle Ocean Science.